



# FOOTBALL

## CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

### COMPETITION RULES

#### APPENDIX K

#### GROUND OFFICIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Below is a list of instructions and responsibilities, which are to be followed closely by all clubs with regard to the appointment of Ground Officials for all home days.

1. All clubs are required to appoint a designated Ground Official/s for each game.
2. All Ground Officials must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
3. The Ground Official must wear an official Ground Official shirt.
4. The Ground Official is required to make themselves known to the referees prior to a match commencing. It is suggested that the name/s of the Ground Official be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Referees dressing room.
5. The Ground Official is required to patrol all fields being used throughout the day.
6. The Ground Official must ensure that spectators are not in a prohibited area (i.e. too close to the sidelines, behind goals, near or on player benches etc).
7. It is the responsibility of the appointed Ground Official to ensure that assistant referees have been appointed by the club for games where no official referees are appointed or arrive.
8. The Ground Official is to ensure that spectator behaviour is acceptable (no foul language, abusive comments etc.). However, where the risk of personal harm is too great, Ground Officials are **not** to put themselves at risk. In such situations, the Official(s) involved should inform officials from the host club. If necessary, the Match Officials should be informed, and those Match Officials appointed to the game are empowered to abandon the match if they deem it necessary to do so.
9. The Ground Official will ensure referee officials are escorted (if required) onto and from the field of play.
10. In general the Ground Official should act as Clerk of the Course. They should NOT be involved in any other duties whilst acting in this capacity (not refereeing, coaching, canteen or bar duties etc) They should work closely with the appointed referees to ensure that the day's activities are completed in the best possible atmosphere for players, spectators, coaches, officials and referees.

11. In summary, the Ground Official/Marshal should:

**Before the Match -**

- A. Check the referees' room and make sure it is clean and comfortable.
- B. Upon arrival of the referees, make known to them that you are the ground official/marshal in case they need assistance.
- C. If an official referee is not present, ensure that a referee is arranged either by the club or by consent of the two teams playing.
- D. Check that an alternate playing strip is available if required.
- E. Ensure that appropriate match balls are available for referee.
- F. Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees to the field of play.
- G. Ensure that you have spoken to the club official/marshal from the away club.

**During the Match -**

- A. Ensure that the spectators' behaviour is orderly and is not abusive to the referee or the assistants, players or other spectators.
- B. Direct and assist any ambulance if called to attend a player or any other person.
- C. Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees to and from the field of play at the half-time break.
- D. Be of assistance wherever possible.

**After the Match -**

- A. Ensure the referees' safety at all times.
- B. Ensure that both teams leave the grounds in a proper and orderly manner. Liaise with the away club's club official/marshal to assist in this.
- C. Escort the Referee and Assistant Referees from the field of play.

**Also refer Competition Rules re: Ground Officials**

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